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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIDEAKI OKAMOTO, ET AL.

Application No.: NYA

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: STRUCTURE AND MANUFACTURE)

METHOD THEREFOR, LIQUID)

TANK AND MANUFACTURE)

METHOD THEREFOR, INK JET)

APPARATUS AND)

MANUFACTURE METHOD)

THEREFOR, AND HEAD)

CARTRIDGE AND IMAGE)

FORMING APPARATUS)

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: NYA

December 27, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application

as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 20, 50, 51, 60, 62, 71, 72, 73, and 75-77 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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